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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT CARAZO'S LETTER TO PRESIDENT
REGAN RE OAS SPEECH

REF: STATE 048035 (NOTAL)

1. FOLLOWING IS EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF LETTER,
DATED 24 FEBRUARY, FROM PRESIDENT CARAZO TO PRESIDENT

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REAGAN. ORIGINAL TEXT SENT SEPTTEL.

2. BEGIN TRANSLATION. DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: PLEASED WITH YOUR MESSAGE BEFORE THE O.A.S. IN WHICH YOU SET FORTH YOUR PROGRAM OF ACTION IN THE CARIBBEAN BASIN, I WANT YOU TO KNOW OF OUR RECOGNITION OF YOUR EFFORTS AND OUR BEST WISHES FOR CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL OF THE PLAN OF ASSISTANCE FOR OUR COUNTRIES.

ANYONE FAMILIAR WITH THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC PROBLEMS OF THESE NATIONS KNOWS WELL THAT THE ONLY FORMULA FOR RESOLVING THEM IS BASED ON INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL JUSTICE AND THAT THIS IS ONLY ACHIEVED WITH THE OPENING UP OF TRADE, THE STIMULATION OF INVESTMENT, JUST PRICES AND, IN THE CASE OF OUR COUNTRIES, DIRECT AID WHICH MAKES UP FOR (PAST) FAILURES TO WORK TOGETHER, (UNJUST) PRICES AND THE LIMITED IMPORT QUOTAS OF WHICH THESE COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN VICTIMS FOR MANY YEARS.

MY WISHES FOR THE SUCCESS OF YOUR PROGRAM ARE INSPIRED BY THE JOINT EFFORT WHICH THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE AREA HAVE UNDERTAKEN AND BY RECOGNITION OF YOUR OWN GOOD INTENTIONS.

THE BEST ARMS AGAINST MISERY ARE THE PRACTICE OF JUSTICE AND OF DISARMAMENT.

ACCEPT MY FERVENT DESIRE FOR YOUR PERSONAL WELL BEING AND FOR THE GROWING PROGRESS OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

(SIGNED: AFFECTIONATELY, R. CARAZO). END TRANSLATION.
MCNEIL

END OF MESSAGE

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